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Hello. My name is Keith J. Ferry. I am a licensed nuisance wildlife control operator and owner and operator of Nuisance Management. I am also the secretary of the Connecticut Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators Association. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to voice my opposition to Senate Bill #994.

Removing the use of the traps proposed in Senate Bill #994 will severely limit the effectiveness of Wildlife Control Professionals throughout the state. In turn, those citizens of this state who encounter wildlife problems in their homes will not be able to get the most cost efficient and quick removal of their wildlife problem.

By removing some of the most effective tools used for trapping, and therefore greatly reducing the number of animals trapped, what problems can we expect will happen? Look at two problems which will increase. First, the amount of damage caused by beavers and their dams. Flooded basement, crops, roads, railroads, bridges and other manmade structures. How about the increase in the mosquito population due to ponds created by beaver dams. Second, how many times have we heard about someone's lap dog being taken from a backyard, or a daughters precious kitty that never comes home, both due to coyotes. These types of problems will not decrease with less of these animals being legally trapped. Without the use of these traps by professionals and fur trappers, more coyotes will continue to get fat in our backyards, that is, if beavers don't turn our yards into swimming pools first.

This bill was introduced by Senator Edward Meyer, because of a response to an isolated incident. Don't let emotions blur common sense, reasonable thinking and logical thought. Passing this bill will do no good other than pacifying the emotional needs of a small group of people and does not serve the needs of the majority of the people of Connecticut.

Please **DO NOT** support this bill. I strongly urge you to look at the total effects of this bill, not one isolated incident. Thank you.

For more information on what negative effects this bill could create please refer to Potential Costs of Losing Hunting and Trapping as Wildlife Management Methods. Produced by the Animal Use Issues Committee of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. In particular look at Case Study #2: Eliminating Trapping Escalates Beaver Complaints and Costs to the Public.

[http://www.fishwildlife.org/pdfs/Costs\\_of\\_Losing\\_HuntingandTrapping\\_US-Canada.pdf](http://www.fishwildlife.org/pdfs/Costs_of_Losing_HuntingandTrapping_US-Canada.pdf)